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## MULTIPLE CHARGES LODGED AGAINST TERRELL WRIGHT FOR POINTING A GUN AT GANG INVESTIGATORS

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that a three-count Indictment was returned today in United States District Court charging **TERRELL WRIGHT**, age 28, of Syracuse, with: (1) assaulting two detectives from the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force ("GVTF") (Count One); (2) use and carry of a handgun during the assault (Count Two); and (3) being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun (Count Three).<sup>1</sup>

The charges arose from an incident on December 18, 2012 in which **WRIGHT** pulled a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at two Syracuse Police detectives from the GVTF. **WRIGHT** then fled the scene and was apprehended minutes later. The gun used in the assault - a loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun - was recovered.

If convicted of these crimes **WRIGHT** faces the following penalties:

Count One: Up to 20 years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised

release, and up to a \$250,000 fine;

**Count Two:** At least seven years imprisonment that must run consecutive to any

sentence on Counts One and Three, followed by three years of

supervised release, and up to a \$250,000 fine;

Count Three: Up to 10 years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised

release, and up to a \$250,000 fine;

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney John M. Katko, who is prosecuting the case, at (315) 448-0672.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.